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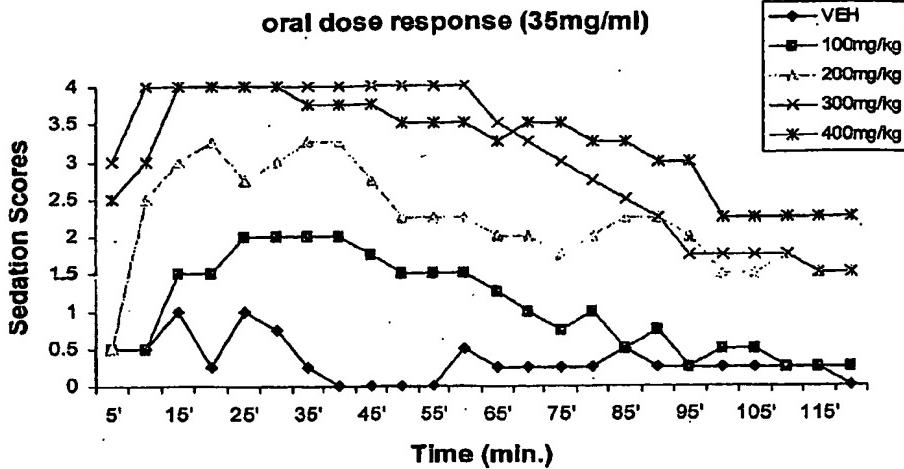
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(57) **Abstract:** A method of administering a prodrug of propofol, preferably O-phosphonoxyethyl propofol disodium salt, comprises the oral, intragastric, or intraintestinal administration of the prodrug in amounts sufficient to induce or maintain a generalized anesthetized state, a conscious sedated state, or to treat insomnia, anxiety, nausea, vomiting, pruritus, epilepsy, and a range of pain syndromes and other medical conditions.